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'THE YEAR OF ROCK' YEAR 2007 NHUFF FILM FESTIVAL LINEUP ANNOUNCED

Meriden, CT – The 2007 New Haven Underground Film Festival Selection Committee has determined this year's lineup of exciting and entertaining movies. "We had hundreds of great submissions so narrowing down our selections into one night of screenings wasn't easy," said festival Co-Director, Michael Mongillo. "There are so many reasons why one film is selected over another but the primary goal for us, as it is every year, is to avoid audiences walking away from the festival saying, 'That's what I hate about independent films.' We want people to be entertained. We strive to find movies that are not only genuine, well-crafted, that have integrity and great stories, they must be entertaining too."

"We've all seen the 'South Park' where the snooty film festival comes to town. That's the stereotype we're proud to avoid," concluded festival Co-Director, Todd Dzicek. This year NHUFF avoids the snooty stereotypical film fest in two theaters:

THEATER 1: 5:30-7:10: *Get Thrashed: The Story of Thrash Metal* (99 min.): A great Rock 'n' Roll documentary about that. **7:15-7:30: *Learning to Fly* (15 min.):** To quote the "Tomb Raider II" trailer, "People actually fly!" **7:30-7:50: *Chingaso the Clown* (16 min.):** A crazy, subversive film about clowns vs. mimes. **7:50-9:30: *Wasted Orient* (90 min.):** A sweet documentary about the Chinese Punk Rock band, Joyside. Q&A with filmmaker Kevin Fritz to follow. **9:30-9:55: *The Little Gorilla* (12 min.):** A phenomenal little film about little courage. Q&A with filmmaker Harry Kellerman to follow. **9:55-10:20: *Dartsville* (23 min.):** A great comedy about darts and fathers and sons. **10:20-10:45: *Watch & Learn* (12 min.):** A politically incorrect comedy about a meek fellow's transformation. Q&A with filmmaker James Magliocca to follow. **10:45-11:05: *The Bad Guy* (9 min.):** A great sci-fi romp that is not to be taken too seriously. Q&A with filmmaker William Humphreys to follow. **11:05-11:25: *Chi* (10 min.):** Kung-fu and hot women in a post-apocalyptic landscape. Q&A with filmmaker Chris Vallone to follow. **11:30-11:35: *Quicksand Under Carpet: New Radiant Storm King* (5 min):** One of the best music videos you'll ever see. **11:35-12:00: *Stomping Grounds* (22 min.):** A short documentary about Hip-Hop artist, the Diabolical Biz Markie. **12:00-12:30: Awards Ceremony and wrap-up.**

THEATER 2: 6:30-6:45: *Happiness* (11 min.): A wonderful short film starring Polish-American screen legend, Elzbieta Czyzewska. **6:45-7:05: *Detroit Unleaded* (20 min.):** An endearing romantic comedy that subverts all expectations. **7:05-7:25: *The Birthday Barge* (19 min.):** This is possibly the most unusual and unclassifiable film ever to screen at NHUFF from an 82-year-old painter turned filmmaker. Q&A with filmmaker Leza Lidow to follow. **7:45-9:25: *Flatland The Film: Special Edition* (99 min.):** A great animated feature based on the book by Edwin Abbot. Q&A with filmmaker Ladd Ehlinger Jr. to follow. **9:35-9:45: *Origins* (8 min.):** An insanely promising experimental short made by Connecticut filmmakers who aren't even old enough to drink. Q&A with filmmakers Josiah Burns and Chris Ritter to follow. **9:55-10:20: *La Danse Macabre: Portrait of a Serial Sculptor* (24 min.):** An amazing three-part doc about artist Daniel Edwards who did the "Nude Britney Spears Giving Birth on a Bearskin Rug" sculpture. Q&A with Connecticut filmmaker A.D. Calvo to follow. **10:30-11:45: *We Like to Drink: We Like to Play Rock 'n' Roll* (75 min.):** A super-cool Rock doc about Northampton's own, The Unband. Q&A with The Unband's Michael Ruffino (and maybe Matt Pierce too) to follow.

NHUFF is Saturday night, May 12th at the Augusta Curtis Cultural Center, 175 East Main Street, Meriden, CT 06450. Parking is free in an adjacent parking lot and across the street at the Meriden Public Library. The official start-time of NHUFF 2007, "The Year of Rock' Year," is 5:30 p.m. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. and screenings continue, in two theaters, until midnight, to be followed by a short awards ceremony. Admission is only \$10 per person for both theaters for the entire event. Parental guidance is suggested.

With the gracious corporate sponsorships of **WCCC – The Rock 106.9** of Hartford, **HB Group / Communications, Inc.** of North Haven, and festival venue, the **Augusta Curtis Cultural Center**, the 2007 New Haven Underground Film Festival promises to be an unforgettable evening of the world's most unusual and groundbreaking entertainment. For more information, please visit: www.nhuff.com.

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